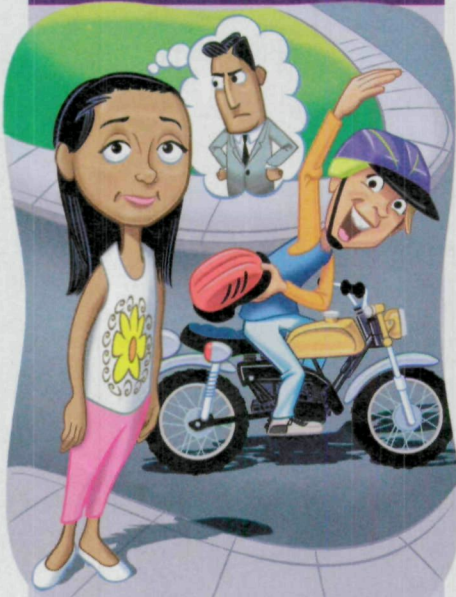
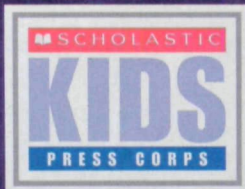


STICKY SITUATION



Marissa goes to her friend Bryson's house to hang out. While Marissa's there, Bryson offers to take her for a ride on his dirt bike. Marissa's parents have told her never to ride on a dirt bike because they can be dangerous. But Marissa really wants to go for a ride. What should Marissa do?



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DEBATE OF THE WEEK



Should Students Pay to Play?

Some school districts across the U.S. are requiring students to pay fees to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports, band, dance teams, and newspapers. Some school officials say they do not have enough money in their budgets to pay for these activities. But critics say it's not fair to require students and parents to pay a fee for public school programs. What do you think? Should students have to pay to play?



Yes

Declan Wallace, New York

I think students should pay for extracurricular activities if their schools don't have the money to run them. Otherwise, schools might have to shut down some activities. I play baseball, and I would pay to keep playing it if I needed to.



No

Corinne Casali, Connecticut

I do not support paying for activities because parents already have to pay taxes. Some kids who can't afford to play would not be able to participate in the fun activities that other kids participate in. That wouldn't be fair.

Want to have your say in our next debate?

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